

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-13 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 7, 9 and 11 being canceled, and claims 1 and 10 being amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

The Examiner provisionally rejected the claims 1-13 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 7,382,790. A previously-filed Terminal Disclaimer was disapproved for mistakenly citing the prior patent number. Applicant encloses hereinwith a corrected Terminal Disclaimer and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the provisional rejection.

Claims 1-10, 12-13 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black et al (US patent No. 6,614,796) in view of Hoglund et al (US Patent No. 6,747,984). Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was considered to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 by including the limitations of dependent claims 9 and 11, thereby cancelling the latter two claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the above rejections have been overcome in view of the current amendment.

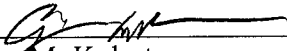
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 reference docket no.

491442011622. However, the commission is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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